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TDXB COUNTRIES-NEEDED SURVEY

Last May, 2200 DXers were asked to tell us what DXCC countries they are in need of. About 900 responded and this issue is devoted to the results of that survey. This task was performed manually, with about 25,000 "tick marks" wearing out several pencils. No claim is made for absolute accuracy!

A word about methodology... in an attempt to achieve valid results, only surveys from DXers needing 100 or fewer countries were used for the tabulation. The final number of surveys used, 785, is close enough to last year's 822 to allow for near-direct comparisons. As last year, only the top 73 needed DXCC countries were tabulated. In addition, the top twenty five for each of thirteen "areas" were tabulated separately.

Table 1, on page four, is the overall ranking of need for all 785 surveys tabulated. For comparison, the 1980 survey rankings are included; column 1 is the number needing each country in 1980 (out of 822 surveys). Column 2 is, of course, the country prefix. Column 4 is the country prefix for the 1981 survey, Column 5 the raw total for 1981 (out of 785 entries) and the last column indicates the country's movement either toward the top of the list (+) or movement down the list (-) from 1980.

Table 1 illustrates one important point: 1980 was exceptionally kind to DXers, at least those who read *TDXB* and who responded to the Survey. Note that through the first twenty listings, the percentage of need remained relatively constant. This is due to the lack of activity from all but a handful of the "Top Twenty." However, move down the rankings and note that the percentage need becomes less and less. For example, in

1980, 271 respondents (33 percent) needed country #40, while in the 1981 Survey only 175 (22 percent) needed the same-ranked country. As for country #73, at the bottom of the list, the percentages are 19 (1980) and 10 (1981). These deductions are valid because in both surveys only those needing 100 or fewer countries were tabulated. It appears that our subscribers have moved steadily up the ladder over the past twelve months!

Table 2, on the inside two pages, has, in addition to the top twenty five needed for thirteen areas, information on number of survey sheets received from each area and the average number of DXCC entities needed by respondents in that area. Some lessons for potential DXpeditioners can be found here, e.g., Malpelo is very difficult for the U.S. West Coast, and the Pacific is troublesome for European DXers.

TDXB hopes you find this information both interesting and useful.

THANK YOU to all who submitted surveys!

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<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>RANK</u>
BY-55	BY-47	BY-31	BY-100	BY-50	VS9K-71	1
XU-51	VS9K-47	ZA-31	VS9K-91	VS9K-48	ZA-70	2
XZ-51	VU7L-45	VKØH-30	VKØH-86	XU-48	BY-69	3
VS9K-50	XU-44	VU7L-30	XU-85	XZ-48	7O-66	4
FB8W-46	XZ-44	XZ-30	XZ-85	VU7L-47	XZ-64	5
VKØH-46	FB8W-42	VU7A-28	VU7L-81	VKØH-46	FB8W-63	6
VU7L-45	VKØH-42	7O-27	FB8W-79	FB8W-44	HKØM-63	7
VU7A-44	VU7A-41	FB8W-26	7O-79	ZA-43	VU7L-62	8
7O-44	ZA-39	VS9K-26	VU7A-77	VU7A-42	VKØH-61	9
ZA-42	7O-39	XU-25	ZA-77	7O-40	3Y-57	10
CEØX-40	3Y-38	CEØX-24	CEØX-73	3Y-39	CEØX-51	11
YA-38	CEØX-37	XV-24	XV-71	XV-37	S9-48	12
3Y-38	XV-37	YA-23	3Y-71	CEØX-36	XU-47	13
XV-37	4W-31	3Y-23	YA-68	XW-33	VU7A-46	14
XW-34	XW-29	HKØM-20	4W-60	YA-33	4W-45	15
S9-33	YA-29	4W-20	XW-59	S9-30	YA-42	16
HKØM-33	ZL/K-29	S9-19	S9-52	4W-30	TT-40	17
4W-32	HKØM-28	1S-19	A6-48	HKØM-29	XV-40	18
A6-31	VK9M-27	7Q-18	HKØM-47	ZD9-28	PYØP-39	19
7Q-31	A6-16	A6-16	PYØP-47	3CØ-28	5A-36	20
ZL/K-29	S2-26	PYØP-16	7Q-45	TT-26	A6-35	21
ZD9-28	7Q-25	VK9M-16	ZL/K-43	7Q-26	FR/G-34	22
5R-26	S9-24	5R-16	S2-42	5R-25	5R-34	23
C9-24	PYØP-23	C9-15	5R-42	5A-24	7Q-33	24
PYØP-23	1S-23	ZD9-15	ZD9-40	A6-23	PYØT-32	25
		ZL/K-15				

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>AREA</u>
63	52	36	105	57	88	<u>ENTRIES</u>
30.4	34.5	34.0	33.4	33.2	31.2	<u>AVERAGE</u>

TABLE 2

TOP TWENTY FIVE NEEDED BY AREA

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<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>JA</u>	<u>EU</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
VS9K-52	BY-61	BY-63	BY-53	ZA-37	BY-62	ZA-18
VU7L-50	VS9K-60	XU-57	XZ-52	BY-36	XZ-50	BY-17
BY-49	VU7L-55	XZ-57	ZA-50	HKØM-36	CEØX-49	VU7L-16
ZA-49	ZA-52	ZA-56	VS9K-49	VS9K-33	VS9K-49	VS9K-15
3Y-46	XU-51	VS9K-55	XU-47	3Y-33	VKØH-48	3Y-15
CEØX-44	XZ-51	VKØH-54	VU7L-46	CEØX-30	VU7L-41	FB8W-14
XZ-44	VU7A-49	VU7L-54	7O-46	VKØH-29	7O-39	XZ-14
7O-44	7O-49	7O-51	FB8W-45	VU7L-28	ZA-36	7O-14
HKØM-43	VKØH-48	3Y-50	CEØX-44	7O-28	3Y-32	CEØX-13
VKØH-42	FB8W-47	FB8W-49	VKØH-44	XZ-27	HKØM-30	PYØP-13
XU-39	3Y-46	XV-49	VU7A-44	S9-19	VU7A-30	VKØH-13
4W-39	YA-42	CEØX-48	XV-43	4W-19	XU-30	HKØM-12
FB8W-38	XV-40	VU7A-48	3Y-42	TN-18	FB8W-29	VU7A-11
PYØP-38	CEØX-39	YA-38	4W-42	3X-18	S9-26	4W-11
A6-34	HKØM-38	4W-37	YA-41	FB8W-17	ZM-26	TT-10
S9-32	4W-38	HKØM-36	HKØM-38	PYØP-17	XV-25	9U-10
VU7A-32	A6-34	S9-36	S9-38	TT-17	ZL/K-24	C9-9
TT-30	S9-34	A6-33	XW-35	5A-17	YA-22	FR/J-9
YA-30	ZL/K-30	3CØ-31	A6-31	YVØ-15	FO/C-20	3CØ-9
XV-29	VK9M-29	7Q-31	TT-31	VU7A-14	KH5K-20	S9-8
7Q-27	PYØP-28	XW-30	7Q-31	7Q-14	T3P-19	XU-8
FR/J-26	XW-27	ZD9-30	ZD9-30	XU-13	VK9M-19	YA-8
5A-24	ZD9-27	PYØP-29	5R-30	YA-12	KH1-18	YI-8
5U-23	5R-26	S2-27	C9-29	A6-11	PYØP-18	5R-8
9U-23	7Q-25	VK9M-27	PYØP-28	KP5-11	1S-17	KP5/7
		1S-27		XV-11		PYØT-7

7	8	9	Ø	JA	EU	OTHER
59	66	70	58	45	66	20
33.6	29.5	32.4	35.2	21	24.2	32.4

LEGEND

"Area 1" includes VE1 and VE2; "Area 4" includes KP4 and KV4; "Area 5" includes Mexico; "Area 7" includes VE7; "Area 8" includes VE3; "Area Ø" includes VE4, 5, and 6. Tabulated numbers are raw numbers, not percentages. "Entries" refers to total number of surveys included in the tabulation. "Average" is the average number of countries needed for each area.

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1980	COUNTRY	RANK	COUNTRY	(785) 1981	MOVEMENT +/-
713	BY	1	BY	693	None
683	VS9K	2	VS9K	646	None
652	XZ	3	XZ	617	None
640	ZA	4	ZA	600	None
627	VU Laccadives	5	VU/L	600	None
617	VKØ Heard	6	VKØ/Heard	589	None
592	70	7	70	566	None
567	XU	8	XU	545	None
560	FB8W	9	FB8W	539	None
539	VU/Andamans	10	3Y	530	+2
531	CEØX	11	CEØX	528	None
525	3Y	12	VU/Andamans	506	-2
518	3X	13	HKØ/Malpelo	543	+5
504	FR/J. de Nova	14	XV	450	+3
481	FR/Glorioso	15	YA	426	+4
465	9U	16	4W	418	+4
459	XV	17	S9	399	+55
454	HKØ/Malpelo	18	PYØ Peter/Paul	341	+18
449	YA	19	A6X	337	+11
431	4W	20	7Q	327	+12
402	6O	21	XW	320	+5
373	5A	22	TT	296	+11
370	5X	23	ZD9	296	+12
368	HKØ/Bajo Nuevo	24	5R	291	+7
360	7J1 Okino (deleted)	25	ZL/Kermadec	281	+19
357	XW	26	C9	266	+61
356	KS4 Serrana Bank	27	3CØ	260	+12
350	TN	28	VK9/Mellish	254	+22
348	ZM	29	5A	245	-7
342	A6	30	S2	240	+19
340	5R	31	YI	232	+10
325	7Q	32	1S	232	+22
313	TT	33	VP8 S. Georgia	225	+20
312	TY	34	FR/J. de Nova	222	-20
310	ZD9	35	9U	220	-19
309	PYØ Peter/Paul	36	TN	217	-8
298	VK9/Willis	37	VP8 S. Sandwich	212	+5
276	FR7/Tromelin	38	FR7/Glorioso	186	-23
276	3CØ	39	FO8/Clipperton	181	+25
271	CEØZ	40	A5	175	+15
270	YI	41	ZL/A and C	174	+17
267	VP8 S. Sand	42	PYØ Trindade	170	+20
263	D68	43	5U	166	+23
259	ZL/Kermadec	44	VKØ Macquarie	159	+12
256	5V	45	JX	156	+22
251	SV/Mt. Athos	46	SV/Mt. Athos	156	None
246	Abu Ail	47	YVØ	154	+23
239	VP8 S. Shetlands	48	VK9/Cocos	152	+4
237	S2	49	BV	147	+11
235	VK9/Mellish	50	3V8	142	+21
234	FH8	51	ZS2M	141	+23
231	VK9/Cocos	52	ZM	137	-33
229	VP8 S. Georgia	53	FH	133	-2
215	1S	54	FR7/Tromelin	131	-16
214	A5	55	6O	125	-34
205	VKØ/Macquarie	56	ET3	124	+25
202	STØ	57	Desecheo	124	+29
199	ZL/A and C	58	Fr. Josef Land	124	+11
198	TZ	59	FB8X	122	+21
190	BV-	60	3C1	113	+18
184	J5	61	VP8 S. Shet.	108	-13
183	PYØ Trindade	62	TY	107	-28
178	9M6/8	63	CEØZ	106	-23
177	FO8/Clipperton	64	TZ	106	-5
174	A9	65	5X	106	-42
168	5U	66	3X	100	-53
167	SV/Dodecanese	67	Abu Ail	94	-20
163	TJ	68	TJ	93	None
162	Fr. Josef Land	69	D68	90	-26
160	YVØ	70	VK9/Willis	87	-33
157	3V	71	5V	86	-26
157	S9	72	KS4/Serrana Bank	82	-45
154	TL	73	HKØ/Bajo Nuevo	79	-49

TABLE 1